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5 extraction phase that differs from the extraction phase of at least one other of said extraction probes;
contacting said extraction probes with a sample suspected of comprising at least one of the analytes; and
separating said extraction probes from the sample.

10 10. (twice amended) A method for extracting a plurality of analytes from a sample, comprising the steps of:
providing a position-addressable array of extraction probes, each probe comprising a
solid support and an extraction phase;
providing an array of capillaries addressable by the array of extraction probes, the
capillaries containing aliquots of the sample;
contacting the array of extraction probes with the array of capillaries such that the
extraction probes are positioned within the capillaries;
15 separating the array of extraction probes from the array of capillaries, such as that the extraction probes are separated from the sample.

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20 12. (twice amended) An assembly of extraction probes, each extraction probe comprising a solid support and a combinatorially-derived extraction phase, wherein said extraction probes comprise a plurality of different types of extraction phases.

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25 15. (amended) The method of claim 6 wherein said extraction probes are differentiable, and wherein the method further comprises distinguishing between at least two different separated extraction probes.

REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicants acknowledge a telephone interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representatives Rena Kaminsky (46,818) and William Leschensky (38,951) on January 28,
30 2003. During the interview, proposed amendments to claims 6 and 12 were discussed. Agreement was reached on a proposed amendment to claim 6, which the Examiner stated may